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1. SUMMARY. WHEAT AROUND PEKING IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.
DROUGHT HAS SHOWN SOME EFFECT ON WHEAT BETWEEN TIENTSIN
AND TSINAN, SHANTUNG. WHEAT IN WESTERN SHANTUNG PROVINCE
STRONGLY AFFECTED BY DRY WEATHER, BUT THE CROPS AROUND
TSINAN AND SUCHOW, KIANGSU ARE GOOD. EASTERN PART OF
ANHWEI PROVINCE HAD RATHER POOR WHEAT. CROP CONDITIONS
IN SOUTHERN KIANGSU PROVINCE AND AROUND SHANGHAI VERY GOOD.
END SUMMARY

2. WHEAT IN SUBURBS OF PEKING WAS ABOUT 20 INCHES TALL,
VERY GREEN WITH UNIFORM GROWTH AND HEADING. SPRING GRAINS
GROWING WILL, BUT SOME UNEVEN STANDS. RICE SPROUTING
IN SEED BEDS.

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3. QUALITY OF WINTER WHEAT DETERIORATED SOME BETWEEN
PEKING AND TIENTSIN. NOT SO FAR ADVANCED AS IN
EPKING AND SHOWED SOME DROUGHT STRESS. MUCH LAND
ALREADY IN CORN TWO TO FOUR INCHES TALL.

4. WHEAT AROUND TIENTSIN GOOD -- EVIDENTLY HAS GOTTEN

MORE WATER AND FERTILIZER.

5. SOUTH OF TIENTSIN WHEAT WAS GENERALLY GOOD AND BEGINNING TO HEAD. HOWEVER, SOME FIELDS HAD SPOTS OF POOR COLOR AND SOME AREAS OF POOR, THIN STANDS AND UNEVEN HEIGHT.

6. BETWEEN TIENTSIN AND TECHOU, SHANTUNG QUALITY OF WHEAT CROP FURTHER DETERIORATED. INCREASED SIGNS OF DROUGHT, WIND BLOWING, SOME DUST, AND WIND EROSION IN SANDY AREAS. MUCH EVIDENCE OF SALINITY. THROUGH MUCH OF THIS AREA ABOUT HALF OF THE WHEAT WAS QUITE GOOD, GREEN AND FULLY HEADED. OTHER HALF POOR, THIN, WITH UNEVEN GROWTH AS THOUGH HAD LONG BEEN SHORT OF WATER. IN SOME SANDY AREAS, ALL WHEAT WAS RATHER POOR.

7. BETWEEN TECHOU AND YUCHENG, SHANTUNG WHEAT WAS MUCH IMPROVED. MOST FIELDS HAD GOOD STAND, UNIFORM GROWTH, AND FAIRLY GOOD COLOR. THERE WERE SCATTERED FIELDS, EVIDENTLY UNIRRIGATED, OF VERY POOR WHEAT. THE WHOLE AREA NEEDS RAIN AT THIS CRITICAL TIME OF GRAIN FORMATION.

8. MOST OF AREA BETWEEN YUCHENG AND TSINAN, SHANTUNG HAD GOOD WHEAT. UNIFORM GROWTH, FULLY HEADED, AND THICK STANDS. SCATTERED POOR FIELDS HAD EVIDENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN LEFT UNIRRIGATED. IN SANDY AREA JUST NORTH OF YELLOW RIVER, ABOUT HALF OF WHEAT WAS POOR -- OTHER HALF GOOD.

9. SOUTH OF CITY OF TSINAN WHEAT WAS OVER TWO FEET TALL AND FULLY HEADED. MOST FIELDS VERY GOOD. IN LICHENG COUNTY TO 35 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF TSINAN, IRRIGATED WHEAT WAS VERY GOOD. FIFTEEN TO 20 PERCENT WAS UNIRRIGATED AND FAIRLY GOOD BUT WAS BEGINNING TO FIRE AT BOTTOM AND HAD SHORT HEADS.

10. AT COMMUNE IN MOUNTAINS OF LICHENG COUNTY, SHANTUNG, WHEAT WAS GENERALLY GOOD BUT NOT AS GOOD AS AT TSINAN. ABOUT 20 PERCENT HAD NOT BEEN IRRIGATED AND SHOWED DROUGHT STRESS; ALSO WAS RATHER SHORT WITH SMALL HEADS. WHEAT ON COMMUNE ESTIMATED TO PRODUCE MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S RATHER GOOD CROP. WATER IN RESERVOIRS ON COMMUNE WAS VERY LOW.

11. RAIN FELL IN TSINAN THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF MAY 7 AND SHOULD BENEFIT THE WHEAT CROP WHICH WILL BE HARVESTED MAY 20 TO JUNE 10.

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12. WHEAT IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF TSINAN VERY GOOD,
SHOWING DENSE STANDS, GOOD GROWTH, AND DARK GREEN
COLOR. ALL WAS HEADED.

13. RAIN HAD FALLEN AND LAND WAS WET FROM TSINAN
SOUTH TO HSUEHCHEG, SHANTUNG.

14. IN HILLY COUNTRY BETWEEN TSINAN AND TAIAN, SHANTUNG
WHEAT IN LOWLAND FIELDS WAS VERY GOOD BUT MOST OF THAT
IN UPLAND FIELDS SHOWED THIN STANDS, SHORT GROWTH,
SMALL HEADS AND POOR COLOR. EVIDENTLY NOT ENOUGH
IRRIGATION WATER FOR ALL FIELDS. MANY UPLAND FIELDS
PLANTED TO CORN AND SWEET POTATOES, WHICH LOOKED GOOD.

15. BETWEEN TAIAN AND HSUEHCHEG ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF
WHEAT WAS GOOD AND WELL GROWN BUT SOME WAS RATHER SHORT.
REMAINING FIELDS SHOWED DROUGHT STRESS. GENERALLY,
QUALITY OF WHEAT DETERIORATED AS REPORTING OFFICER
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MOVED SOUTHWARD.

16. AROUND SUCHOW, KIANGSU WHEAT GENERALLY GOOD BUT QUITE A FEW RATHER POOR FIELDS ESPECIALLY IN UPLANDS. ALL WHEAT VERY DRY LOOKING. NEEDS RAIN BADLY FOR PROPER SEED FORMATION. BARELY RIPENING AND SPRING CORN GROWING WELL.

17. MOST OF WHEAT BETWEEN SUCHOW AND PENGPU, ANHWEI SEVERELY DROUGHT STRESSED. A FEW GOOD FIELDS BUT MOST WERE RATHER POOR -- ESPECIALLY IN UPLANDS.

18. FROM PENGPU TO CHUHSIEN, ANHWEI, WHEAT IN PADDY FIELDS MOSTLY RATHER GOOD BUT THAT IN UPLANDS WAS GENERALLY RATHER POOR. BARLEY AND RAPE WERE ALREADY RIPE. CORN IN UPLAND FIELDS ABOUT EIGHT INCHES TALL. SOME WHEAT ALMOST RIPE. RICE FIELDS BEING WORKED AND SOME RICE ALREADY TRANSPLANTED. RAPE HARVEST IN PROGRESS IN SOME FIELDS.

19. FROM CHUHSIEN TO NANKING, KIANGSU, WHEAT VERY GOOD IN BOTH PADDY AND UPLAND. MUCH OF PADDY LAND ALREADY TRANSPLANTED. RAPE CROP BEING HARVESTED AND LOOKED GOOD. BARLEY ALREADY RIPE AND SOME WHEAT NEAR RIPENING.

20. AROUND NANKING CROPS VERY GOOD; BARLEY AND RAPE READY TO HARVEST AND WHEAT BEGINNING TO TURN. ON COMMUNE VISITED 25 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF NANKING, RESPONSIBLE PERSON REPORTED WHEAT, BARLEY AND RAPE YIELD WOULD EXCEED THAT OF LAST YEAR. RAINED IN NANKING NIGHT OF MAY 8.

21. BETWEEN NANKING AND SHANGHAI, CROPS WERE VERY GOOD -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHEAT WAS TALL, GREEN, WELL HEADED AND NEARING RIPENING. RAPE WAS NEAR MATURITY AND HEAVILY LOADED WITH SEED PODS. BARLEY WAS MOSTLY RIPE WITH GOOD HEADS. MUCH RICE HAD BEEN TRANSPLANTED AND SOME HARVESTED RAPE LAND WAS BEING PREPARED FOR TRANSPLANTING. COTTON HAD BEEN INTERPLANTED WITH WHEAT.

22. IN AREA AROUND SHANGHAI ALL CROPS WERE VERY GOOD -- NOT QUITE AS ADVANCED AS IN NANKING. COMMUNE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT YIELD WILL BE BEST EVER. THOUGH UNUSUALLY WARM WEATHER FOLLOWED BY UNUSUALLY COOL SPELLS HAD AFFECTED CROP GROWTH, HARVEST WOULD OCCUR AT USUAL TIME. WEATHER IN SHANGHAI WAS COOL AND CLOUDY. RICE SEEDLINGS BEING TRANSPLANTED WERE SMALLER THAN USUAL

BUT SHOULD FULLY RECOVER WITH ADEQUATE SUNSHINE AND
WARM WEATHER.

23. FURTHER ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS ON CROP SITUATION TO FOLLOW.
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